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TAGS: PINT, PFOR, IS, XF

SUBJECT: GOI KNESSET STRATEGY ON WEST BANK DEBATE

1. WE UNDERSTAND THE LIKUD MIGHT DECIDE TO POSTPONE TABLING ITS MOTION ON WEST BANK UNTIL DAYAN RETURNS FROM CURRENT SPEAKING TOUR IN U.S., WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO LAST ABOUT THREE WEEKS. IF THIS HAPPENS, FULL-SCALE DEBATE ON THIS ISSUE WOULD AGAIN BE DELAYED, ALTHOUGH SUBJECT IS STILL ON AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION AT KNESSET SESSION OCT 30.

2. DAYAN ANNOUNCED IN DEPARTURE STATEMENT OCT 24 THAT HE WOULD VOTE IN FAVOR OF LIKUD MOTION IF ITS WORDING IS SIMILAR TO THAT OF PETITION RE WEST BANK WHICH DAYAN SIGNED. TEXT OF PETITION CALLED ON KNESSET "TO ENSURE THAT JUDEA AND SAMARIA DO NOT COME UNDER FOREIGN RULE."

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3. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT GOVT IS CONSIDERING

FEASIBILITY OF FINESSING SHOWDOWN IN KNESSET (WITH POSSIBLE ADVERSE EFFECTS ON LABOR ALIGNMENT UNITY) BY SUBMITTING ITS OWN MOTION. AS WE UNDERSTAND PRELIMINARY THINKING, THIS MOTION, WHICH WOULD MERELY REAFFIRM GOI PLEDGE TO GO TO ELECTORATE BEFORE IMPLEMENTATION OF WITHDRAWALS FROM WEST BANK, WOULD OBTAIN PRECEDENCE RE VOTE OVER ANY LIKUD MOTION, BE APPROVED, AND, HENCE, HOPEFULLY, DISPOSE OF ISSUE.

4. COMMENT: RABIN WILL ATTEMPT TO DO HIS BEST TO AVOID DIRECT AND PUBLIC BREAK WITH DAYAN OVER FUTURE OF WEST BANK, SHORT OF ALLOWING DAYAN TO DICTATE GOI POLICY. "PRECEDENCE PLOY" SUCCESS WOULD DEPEND IN PART UPON DAYAN'S WILLINGNESS TO GO ALONG AND AVOID CONFRONTATION. DAYAN'S ABSENCE FROM COUNTRY WHILE RABIN IS PLANNING STRATEGY TO DEAL WITH WEST BANK PARLIAMENTARY PROBLEM IS PROBABLY USEFUL DEVELOPMENT.

5. MEANWHILE, GOVT IS LEFT TO WRESTLE WITH ENIGMA OF DAYAN'S INTENTIONS, WHICH WERE SCARCELY CLARIFIED AT PRESS CONFERENCE PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE FOR U.S. IN ADDITION TO ANNOUNCING HIS INTENTION TO SUPPORT APPROPRIATE LIKUD MOTION (PARA 2 ABOVE), HE ALSO REITERATED HIS LONG-STANDING POSITION AGAINST EITHER ANNEXING WEST BANK OR EXTENDING ISRAELI LAW TO IT. KEATING

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